

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**Full Council – 24th November 2008****Items Selected by Non-Executive Members under Standing Order 39**

- (a) From Councillor Beswick

Non-executive member items

Non Executive Member Items are a waste of time especially those tabled by the Opposition, which are rarely accepted for consideration by the Executive and even more rarely acted upon. The standing orders of the Council should be changed to ensure that Non Executive Member items are automatically considered by the Executive with the result of the Executive's deliberations reported to a subsequent council meeting. Alternatively, Non Executive Member Items should simply be scrapped.

- (b) From Councillor Hirani

Opportunities for our young people

Over the summer, many young people in my area were actively involved in sporting programmes run by the Council. This kept them fit, active, interested and away from crime or anti-social behaviour.

Unfortunately, worsening economic prospects are likely to have a negative effect on young people's aspirations and morale.

Can I ask the Executive to continue to put young people at the heart of its priorities and to undertake to further improve the youth provision in Brent, further involving young people in shaping this to ensure the best possible outcomes from resources available?

- (c) From Councillor Motley

Tackling homophobic bullying

National Anti-bullying Week (17-21 Nov) is a good time to consider what can be done to further improve the Council's approach to this issue. Much good work has been done, especially dealing with racially/ethnically motivated bullying. However, one area of increasing concern is anti-gay bullying.

Recently a Stonewall survey showed that two thirds of young gay people have experienced bullying, yet only a quarter of them have been told in school that anti-gay bullying is wrong. Where this occurs, they are 60% less likely to have been bullied.

Will the Executive explore how to further decrease homophobic bullying in schools?